

North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No 13

17th March 2016 Geoff Semlers home– 18.00

Minutes

Attendees

Roy Bennett, (Chair) (RB), Geoff Semler (GMS), Elgar Finlay (EF),

By Teleconference Mo Scobbie (MS) (part meeting), Nick Duffill, (ND) Nial Till (NT), Charles McCrimmon (Deputy Chair) (CMC), Nigel Redfern (N)R, Brian Mennie (BM)

No apologies were received

RB opened the meeting and the meeting followed the published Agenda.

Previous Minutes for 10.03.2016 were accepted subject to suggested amendments. RB continued to take this meetings minutes, it was noted a minutes secretary was still required.

Adoption of minutes proposed by RB Seconded NT

Action Point RB - Minutes from last meeting completed

Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest

1 Progress Report

HIE /CBS report –There was no formal report from HIE or CBS – instead an update was given by GMS with regard to the situation with the PQQ and ITT and the ongoing discussions with HIE & CBS. GMS read out a precis of a communication with D Cowan Head of strengthening communities addressing the challenges faced by HIE/CBS and Farpoint Atkins. Its contents were discussed and the decision was taken to proceed with the first Phase of the Community Engagement subject to further developments from the ongoing discussions.

It was also agreed that a meeting be organised between the project management team and the relevant bodies' involved in addressing the challenges facing HIE/CBS and Farpoints Atkins.

Action Point GMS, EF & RB

Comms Public Engagement Presentation

After discussion regarding how the challenges may impact on the project it was agreed the Community Engagement Process would go forward. EF stated he was happy with this decision and would amend the slides to show the slippage that had emerged in the project timelines as result of events that NSB had no control over.

2 Company Structures – Combensoc or other entity

This work was ongoing discussion were being undertaken with the Plunkett Foundation about interest payments and extra share issues.

4 AOB

There was no other business the Chair thanked the members for attending and the meeting was closed at 20.40

Next Meeting was agree for 17.03.2015 – Glendale Community Hall